

**Amendments to the specifications:**

Please delete the paragraph appearing on page 3 starting at line 13, and then add the following paragraph in its place:

The present invention involves a handle shroud for use with a double-ended wrench having a twisted handle configuration. The handle shroud is externally formed substantially non-twisted and to substantially cover at least a portion of the twisted handle of the double-ended wrench so as to improve user comfort and ergonomics. The handle shroud is further formed being at least partially hollow and comprising an elongated opening at each end thereof with each elongated opening having a predetermined direction of elongation. The direction of elongation of one opening is substantially perpendicular to the direction of elongation of the other opening. And, each end is further formed being substantially tapered with the tapering of one end formed substantially perpendicular to the tapering of the other end.

Please replace the paragraph appearing on page 7 starting at line 26, with the following paragraph:

Figure 10 shows a top plan view of the double-ended wrench and handle shroud shown in Figure 9. In this top plan view it is easy to see that shroud 57 is formed tapered in only one direction towards wrench head 49 as shown. And, in the left side view thereof shown in Figure 9 it is easy to see that shroud 57 is formed tapered in only one direction towards the opposite wrench head 43 as shown. This is because the tapering of one end of the present invention handle shroud is formed substantially perpendicular to the tapering of the other end. The word "taper" or "tapering" or "tapered" shall be defined herein as relating to a "decrease in width or thickness."